



FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOCIETY



The House of History
Museum | Tours Available

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The Schryer Center
Historical & Genealogical Research

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Designated Town & Village Historian for Malone, NY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL EVENT

June 16th, 2018

10 am to 1 pm

51 Milwaukee Street
Malone, NY 12953

APPRAISERS

Ted Comstock,
*Antiques Expert & Former
Curator Adirondack Museum*

Barb Stadnicki,
Quilt Historian

\$5 Per Item or \$12 for 3 Items
(No Coins, Stamps or Jewelry Please)

All Proceeds to Benefit FCHMS

FREE Museum Tour at 1pm



As American As...

BLUEGRASS BBQ & APPLE PIE

September 29th, 2018

12 Noon to 4 pm

THE HOUSE OF HISTORY
51 Milwaukee Street
Malone, NY 12953

GAMES
MUSIC
FOOD
RAFFLE
HISTORY
PIE CONTEST

FREE ADMISSION

MUSIC

by
BEAR TRACKS

PIE CONTEST

sponsored by
KING ARTHUR FLOUR

Fun For All Ages

Musical Workshop for the Kiddos

and, of course, celebration of
Franklin County HISTORY!

KING ARTHUR FLOUR BAKING COMPETITION



Enjoy the fun of baking for our King Arthur Flour Baking Competition on September 29, 2018. Spend the summer talking to the cooks in your life and practicing on your family (they will love your failures, too!). Try competing at the Franklin County Fair August 3-12th. Check www.frcofair.com for the categories, the very fun "Chopped, the Franklin County Fair Way" registration forms. See franklinhistory.org/apple-contest for more details and registration information.

ADULTS

Double-Crusted
Apple Pie

YOUTH

Apple Cake

BE CLEVER!

BE CREATIVE!

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REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder!

Article submissions for this year's
Franklin Historical Review are due
July 1st.

For more details, visit
www.franklinhistory.org

From the Presidents...

This is an exciting time at the House of History! Removal of the ugly carpet was the impetus to get us started. Our revitalization committee is meeting weekly, and reporting back to the board for feedback.

An energetic group of volunteers recently cleaned inside and out. What a difference that made! Hundreds of artifacts were washed or polished, a “new” oriental rug looks perfect in the dining room, and the Wheeler room is fresh and inviting; removal of the bright red carpet revealed the beautiful hardwood floor.

The board approved the expense to refurbish the front hallway. We are currently investigating what can be done to the stairway – something that is elegant, safe, and *affordable*.

While cleaning the Wheeler Room, Martha and Claire discovered a newspaper from December, 1918. Check out an excerpt on page 5.

Please remember to bring your friends and family who are visiting during the summer months. Let them tour the museum, perhaps purchase some North Country books, and do a little research in the Schryer Center. Also be sure to look for us at the Franklin County Fair!

Martha and Cheryl

FOR  OF FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORY



THANK YOU

*Community Bank for your recent
donation in support of our mission!*

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From Our Collection

We are proud to have in our collection many personal letters of Lydia Martin Smith, wife of hotelier, Paul Smith.

Over the next series of newsletters, we will share different ones.

We hope you enjoy this one that gives insight to a mother's love and the first hand account of the inner workings and running of one of the great hotels of our history, Paul Smiths!



Paul Smith's College Joan Weill Adirondack Library Archives

LYDIA MARTIN SMITH

DID YOU KNOW?

William A. Wheeler was the person responsible for the erection of the Elm Street Malone Depot? From 1853 through 1866, Wheeler ran the Northern Railroad (later the Rutland) as agent for the bond holders. When the bonds were purchased by another group of stockholders, the new owners wanted Wheeler out. A reasonable man, Wheeler consented to resign if he was paid his full salary and if a passenger depot was built in Malone. Both stipulations were agreed to, and the depot on Elm Street was erected to the tune of forty thousand dollars.

Home June 5th 1886

My own dear boy,

I presume you thought Mama had forgotten you, when she did not write you, or send you something to remind you of your Birth-day, but no, I did not forget that you twenty four, and away from home. But I could not think of anything here, that you would like. And so put off giving you some token of remembrance till some other time. I feel this morning like starting off and gathering in my boys, not one here, but I will stop for I don't want to write you such a letter as I did last year to make you feel badly, for you have care enough now for one so young. We are getting along well here, an army of help to pay and feed, have just got the paper in the Parlor wall, and the floor oiled so now it will soon be ready. The paper is very pretty and will light up beautifully in the evening. The ground where the Barns were will look so nicely when your Father has it all leveled off, and now they are small buildings for oats so there will be no more putting oats in the house. Phelps if you would go down with me to the close of Pauls school, I would come down and go. I think it would be better for him to have a friend call to see him occasionally. I would not like to go alone but thought if you would go I would come down, as I want to make you a little visit before the busy season sets in. Please write and tell me what you think about it. I think it was a shame for Matt Bailey to send that Bartender so early, not one thing has he done since he came but eat and smoke, for your Father would not let him open the Bar til the house fills up. I would send him straight back, he seems a nice fellow, but I would learn people better than to impose on me so. I must close as it is nearly stage time.

The weather is lovely, we have thirteen people, shall probably have a few more next week, and so Grover is married, we are sending him congratulations. Much obliged fore the Lettuce and Spinach and flowers. They are all quite an addition to our table, goodbye dear boy. My love to all and most to yourself. Grandma sends love and a kiss and says come home. She has mourned to think your Afghan could not have been ready for your Birth-day. Affectionately,

Mother

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#PUT YOUR MARKER

It's Easy...

1. See a Blue & Gold Marker
 2. Snap a Pic
 3. Tweet
- #putyourmarkeronthemap

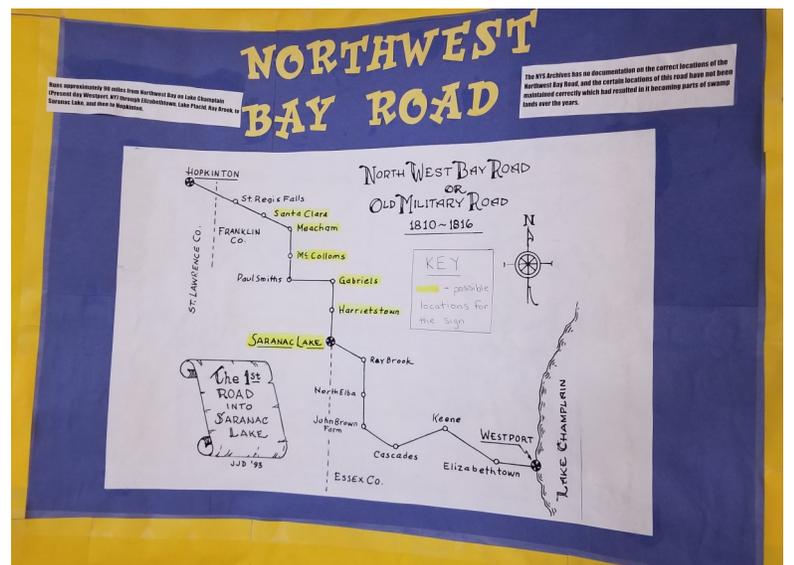
ON THE MAP

The New Vision Government & Law Class of 2018 has been trying to solve the mystery of a lifetime. This mystery all started when we were contacted by the Franklin County Historical & Museum Society because there were nine historical marker signs in the basement of the House of History. They wanted our help to put them back where they belong.

Our class first contacted Assemblyman Billy Jones' office in Albany and the NY State Education Department to find where the signs belonged, but they told us to contact our local historians. The problem with that is that our local historians asked us to figure out where they belong. Next, we took a class trip to Albany to do some research on the signs. In Albany, we went to the New York State Archives to look at the records that they had regarding our signs. The records that we found gave us information about our signs, like their locations and why they were put up in the first place. This was also the start of one of our biggest mysteries, the Northwest Bay Road sign. As we were going through the files it went from 30, 31 to 33. File number 32, the file on the Northwest Bay Road was missing. This led us to wonder how many other historical marker signs were missing, or are otherwise unrecorded for Franklin County.

After doing some more research we discovered that there was no official, or complete list of all the historical markers in Franklin County. We then decided that we were going to ask the community for help. If you see a blue and gold historical marker, please contact us by tweeting us a picture of the sign by using the **#putyourmarkeronthemap**. You can also contact us through Instagram by posting a picture and using the same hashtag. Lastly, you can contact us via Facebook at New Vision Government And Law or email our teacher at tedwards@feh.org if you are unfamiliar with hashtags.

Authors Dylan Ghostlaw and Kayla Hastings, members of the New Vision Government and Law Class. The display can be seen at the Franklin County Courthouse through the middle of June.



From The Archives

Until sometime in the 1970's or early '80's local newspapers had what they labeled "Briefs". Every town had a correspondent that basically reported on local happenings. Some of them were very interesting and are a wonderful source of information for historians and genealogists. We discovered part of the Tuesday December 31, 1918 *Malone Evening Telegram* while cleaning the House of History.

Here's what was happening at the end of 1918.

MALONE BRIEFS

Dance in the Academy Gymnasium tonight for the benefit of athletics. Music by Brady and Lafave.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly Jr., of Little Falls were recent guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, of West Main Street.

The Malone Grange will have its Annual Oyster dinner at noon next Saturday. The newly elected officers of the Grange will be installed during the afternoon,

Assemblyman Warren T. Thayer of Chateaugay, went to Albany to be present at the organization of the Legislature and to witness the inauguration of the Governor.

Mrs. Aurilla Wood, postmistress at Duane, has been granted a pension of \$12 per month from May 9th to October 6th, 1917, and \$25 per month following the latter date. The pension was secured through the aid and assistance of Congressman Snell, of the district.

Mrs. George Callahan of Constable, who has been a patient in the Alice Hyde Hospital for some time past, following a major operation which was performed by Dr. White, is improving steadily and will soon be able to return to her home, fully restored to health.

Henry Bombard, of Malone, was before Police Justice Bigelow yesterday charged with keeping a room to be used for gambling, in alleged violation of Section 973 of the Penal Law. He waived examination and was held for the action of the Franklin County Grand Jury, bail being fixed in the sum of \$300, which was furnished. A.B. Cooney appeared as attorney for the defendant, District Attorney E. C. Lawrence for the people.

SOUTH MALONE

Mrs. Lawrence McMahon, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident recently is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Ryan where she is being cared for.

WEST BANGOR

Miss Gertrude Orvis, who is teaching in the southern part of the state, is spending the holidays at home.

The Christmas entertainment held in the school house on Tuesday last was well attended. The program rendered by the pupils consisted of songs and recitations. The tree was well laden with presents for the pupils from their teacher, Rupert Tarbell.

Will Berry is ill with influenza.

A supper will be served free, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Tarbell Friday evening of this week, Jan. 3. All persons not members of the Sunday School will be welcome for the small sum of 10 cents. Let everyone come and enjoy themselves.

NORTH BANGOR

New Year's Eve—Come to the Methodist Church tonight. Watch night service. 10:30 song service, special sermon by the Rev. T. Wilson Carling. Subject. "The Hour Has Come". Spend the last hour of the old year in God's house. Everybody is invited.

FORT COVINGTON CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. George McQueen and daughter, Florence, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. McQueen spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Mary McQueen and brothers Albert and Herbert, at their home here.

For some reason this December edition of the newspaper had this article. Since May/June is the right season for pieplant I'm including it for your edification.

THE SUCCELENT PIEPLANT

The pieplant has a recorded history of over four centuries. It was first cultivated in the white-walled gardens of Morocco and Algiers, amid fruits and flowers and fountains and was brought thence by the Moors to Spain. Not until 200 years later did rhubarb really become known to English gardens, whence in due time it was brought to those of America to be employed first as a tincture, then as a sauce and to attain a final apotheosis in pie.

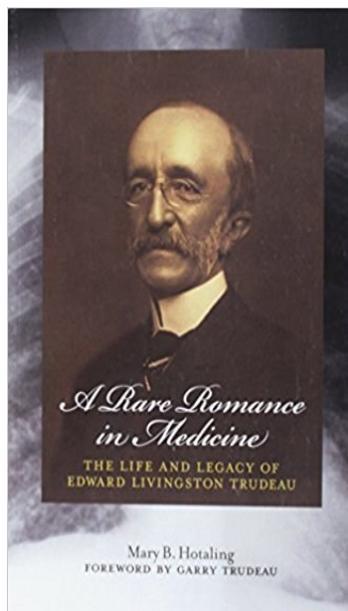


HELP NEEDED AND WANTED

Do you like to solve mysteries? Are you a creative thinker? Are you a problem solver? If your answers are, Yes, Yes, Yes, then we want you!

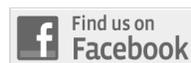
The Genealogy Service in the Schryer Library is looking for a few people who would like to be trained in using our resources to solve the genealogy puzzles that we are confronted with. If you can spare one day a week to become familiar with our tools for Franklin County genealogy investigation, please contact Carol Poole at 518-891-6727 or drop by the Schryer Library at 51 Milwaukee Street to find out about our volunteer possibilities.

**AVAILABLE IN OUR BOOKSTORE - \$39.95
(ONLINE & IN STORE)**



"A Rare Romance in Medicine: The Life and Legacy of Edward Livingston Trudeau" by Mary B. Hotaling. From the forward by Garry Trudeau, great-grandson of Edward Livingston Trudeau: Edward lived and taught hopefulness. It was part of his faith, of course, but mostly it was embedded in his temperament. This might not have served him well had he literally lived in the wilds, ... but in early-twentieth-century Saranac Lake, it made him a beacon of possibility in a

time of widespread despair. It was the key to Edward's inhabiting "one of the most unpremeditated lives of usefulness the world has ever seen."



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